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GREETINGS!

President's Page

It's been a difficult couple of months, since my email has been compromised. I've often been unable to send or reply, which has stymied my ability to work on the Bugle and conduct business for the club, among other things. After many, many phone calls to my carrier, the problem continues. It would be an understatement to say it's been frustrating. So, though I am still able to receive your emails, I often am unable to respond. Please include a phone number if you need to reach me, and I'll get back to you.

Another thing I'd like to respond to is something that came to my attention in a posting on Facebook. The author was none too complimentary, and insinuated that I was using club funds to attend meetings. Nothing could be further from the truth. My personal expenses are paid from my own pocket. This comment also drew an immediate response from Trustee Patti Finner who emailed, "...no one on the board is compensated for their travel at any IASAC event. I go to Long Beach 3 times a year on my own dime to promote the club and others do the same." IASAC Officers and Trustees pay their own way, period!

Now to more pleasant subjects: I've received a bronze Coke bar for the annual auction from Larry Cannon, and have several other items from last year that came in late. So, we have a start for this year. If you'd like to make a donation, please mail it to me no later than May 1. We'll have a complete listing in the June issue of *The Silver Bugle*.

We had a small glitch in the February Brain Teaser. The bottom line of the puzzle was missing, and two words (refrigerator and soap) were deleted. I was reminded of something Duane Spellman used to say many years ago, whenever we had a grammatical or other error in the *Bugle*. Duane would point out that at least members were reading the newsletter! I don't think anyone who sent in an answer failed to mention the missing words! It also made me think of how we used to put *The Silver Bugle* together. It was a 'cut and paste' job, and everything was done on a typewriter. My, how things have changed!! Now we trade information back and forth on the computer (when it's working properly) at rapid speed. It still takes a long time to assemble the information, but the execution is certainly easier. Coincidentally, Carlton Dodge added a note to his Brain Teaser entry, to say how much he misses Duane's mail bid auctions. Me too!

'March Madness' not only defines basketball – but the weather as well! We've had snow several times in the past week, to be followed by massive quantities of rain, hail & wind, and then sunshine – all in one day! Hopefully our members in Indiana and Dexter MI were not in the path of recent tornadoes, which makes spring snow look mild in comparison.

With regret, I have accepted the resignation of Trustee Randy Guberman, who has been 'under the weather' after battling cancer. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Randy will serve out his current term until the meet-

ing in August.

Mike Sprouse, a long time club member, has volunteered to run for Trustee. He has attended many of our club meetings, most recently Chicago, and hopes to make it to Dalton this summer. If anyone else is interested in running for Trustee, please notify me or club Secretary-Treasurer Joe Markulics. Thank very much for your consideration.

I received a sad note from Mrs. Patricia Mogensen regarding club member Val. She writes, "My husband, Val, passed away on February 3rd this year at age 92. He died of complications resulting from leukemia. He wanted to be cremated and his ashes scattered in the Pacific Ocean. Sadly, this was done." Condolences on behalf of the club have been sent.

Chris Geiner has emailed to say that he is producing a new silver bar. We will post more information on this as it comes in. With regard to the club round for this year, we are still in the process of selecting the winning design. We had so many entries, we've needed to go thru several rounds of voting. A separate mailing will be sent once we have all the details in place. Thanks for your patience.

Thanks to Bill Haffner for another 'gem' of an article. And, we have a special offer from Ken Potter on guidebooks. He is offering a $10 rebate to club members (one/person) on the 5th and 6th editions. For ordering information, see his website at www.koinpro.com or phone 313-255-8415.

On a personal note, our house is still in complete disarray, as the kitchen project winds down. Next come the floors and figuring out what to do with all the furniture while they're being refinished. We're off in a few days for our annual retreat with friends to Port Townsend, so am trying to get this issue of *The Bugle* wrapped up.

I will be attending the annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association's show in Tukwila WA on Saturday, April 14. If you're in the area, please drop by around 1pm and say "Hi!" It's a great show, with a lot of variety.

Thanks, and Happy Spring!

Nancy Yee

iasacnancy@comcast.net

IASAC STORE

This listing is for current items on hand. There is a limit of one/member for any variety. All orders subject to prior sale. If you are interested in selling your bars/rounds back to the club, please email iasacnancy@comcast.net or write to the address at the bottom of this page. Thanks for supporting IASAC!

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Mail to: IASAC, P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118-8415.

V.P. Corner

By Doug Jennings

I hope you'll excuse me this time if this article seems off the topic of silver art bars/rounds. It's being written from a more personal perspective and one that has bugged me for quite awhile. It is also being written in cursive because my computer crashed. Like religion and politics, I've tried to leave the how, why, and where our country is headed by out-sourcing too much and too many jobs overseas. This took on a very personal note this past week when my wife took a phone call from a 'Microsoft' representative claiming that our computer was full of malware, virus infections, Trojan horses, etc., etc., etc. The motherboard, black board, surf board, school board, and any other boards were living on borrowed time and if we didn't act quickly, our computer would combust before our very eyes and burn.

I was out of town when the call came, and my wife informed 'Mr. Microsoft' that we had a different form of computer protection with a different company. As soon as my wife mentioned the name, he changed his name to 'Mr. Dinglecomputer' and that my wife had misunderstood him when he had first called. He wasn't from Microsoft, he was from 'Dinglecomputer.' Also, we were in grave danger because our paid subscription for protection was about to run out and if she didn't give him a credit card number quickly our computer would melt down and cause our house to be incinerated. So, what does my wife do? Like the good wife that she is, she calls me at my meeting on her cell phone and tells me about 'Mr. Dinglecomputer' and his dire predictions of our computer's health while he waits on our house phone. I tell my wife to have 'Mr. Dinglecomputer' call me on my cell and I excuse myself from the meeting I'm attending. When 'Mr. D.' calls and starts telling me my paid subscription for computer coverage is set to expire three minutes ago, I firmly inform him that he's wrong. Then he starts to argue with me about the consequences my computer could suffer by letting my protection lapse and what is my credit card number to use to immediately renew my subscription? Alarms, bells, whistles, sirens and other loud sounds are going off in my head that this is a major scam. Then he verbally starts harassing me and is really pushing my buttons. I counter-attack and I'm shouting into my cell phone things that can't be printed here on what he and his company can do with their computer protection program.

Unbeknownst to me, while I'm duking it out on the cell phone with 'Mr. D.' my wife has remained on our land line with the smooth-

talking man and has typed in a website that has turned control of our computer over to a technician with the 'Dinglecomputer' company. He will begin 'fixing' all of the problems our computer has because she logged our computer in the 'Let me screw up your computer' website. By the time I get off the phone with the public relations champion of the year, I call my wife and warn her NOT to let these Bozos into our computer. TOO LATE!!! They've got my computer locked down and useless because they've installed their own password that has locked us out of our own computer. Right now I'm trying to decide what my next step is. Buy a new computer? Hope that I can find a techie who can undo the voodoo that Wazoo did so well? Hope that my original computer protection company has the right re-installation and re-boot discs to salvage my ancient computer? Lord it over my wife that in our 40+ years of marriage she finally made a mistake? (NO! Bad idea if I want to see another 40 days of marriage!)

So, until next time, collect the silver you like and DO NOT believe any phone calls claiming to be from Microsoft or any other computer company. They'll contact you via email, not by phone.

Deputy Doug
734-279-1728
doug_jennings@hotmail.com

THE PRICE OF SILVER CONTEST – 2012

Once again we will give a prize to the club member in good standing who comes closest to guessing the price of silver at the close of business on June 30, 2012.

Only one entry per member.

Please send your guess to Secretary-Treasurer Joe Markulics at P.O. Box 75, Tatamy PA 18085-0075.
Closing date for entries is June 15, 2012.

Name_____
Price of Silver_____

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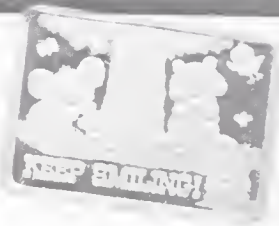

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Just Humor Me!

Church

Today's lesson: Lots and lots of mice died and went to heaven. St. Peter met them, and since they had been good mice, he asked them what they thought they would gain in heaven.

Well, they decided since they had spent their time on earth running, running, running, they would really like to have roller skates. St. Peter had the skates made and they were truly happy.

Mr. Cat died and went to heaven, and St. Peter thought since the mice had been allowed in, Mr. Cat should be too. When asked what he thought he would like in heaven, Mr. Cat said on earth he always had to sleep on a cold, hard floor and would really like a nice soft pillow. That was arranged.

Finally St. Peter thought he should check up on the newcomers, and asked Mr. Cat if everything was to his liking. Mr. Cat replied that he really liked the wonderful pillow, so soft and comfortable, and the meals on wheels were great!!!

Male Sensitivity

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands.

The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you.

Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

"Gentlemen, remember – you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information.

After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

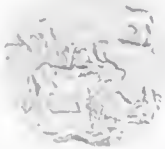
Brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?

This kind of sensitivity just can't be taught.

ISRAEL SILVER ANNIVERSARY ART BARS:
Part Two: The Medals and Plaques

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

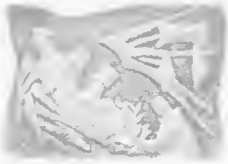
The first commandment, by the Jewish reckoning, is "I am the Lord your God who brought you forth from Egypt. You will have no other gods." God is represented by the all-seeing eye at top left, and Egypt by the pyramid and broken staff beneath it. A large letter א *alef* stands for 1. Below the pyramid are the Israelites, being crushed by servitude and helped by the rays emanating from God, while the flames at right represent the purifying power of God's word.



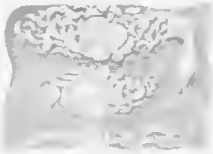
The second commandment prohibits worshipping graven images. The Golden calf is shown attacked by pick hammers. Below is the snake as symbol of subversion, linking idolatry with adultery (a theme popular with Israel's prophets). At top right is the letter ב *beyt*, which is 2. Below it is a dove, symbol of fidelity, which faces the opposite direction of the calf and snake.

The third commandment prohibits defaming God, which Gross inter¬prets as adopting an untrue image of the Almighty. The Torah scroll represents God's Name, while God's pointing finger represents reve¬la¬tion. Above is a bird with outstretched wings, raising the viewers gaze heavenward. At top right is ג *gimel*, which is 3.

The fourth commandment establishes the Sabbath. At top right is ד *dalet*, which is the number 4, and beneath is a table with two candles. Traditionally, two candles are lit to inaugurate the Sabbath and provide light. The figures at left are angels facing each other: a good angel (facing the candles) who blesses the observant family, and an evil angel who is forced to say "Amen". If the family were not properly observing the Sabbath, the evil angel would curse the family and the good angel would say "Amen".

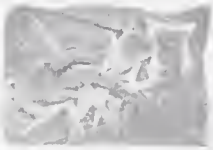


The fifth commandment requires honoring one's parents. At bottom the child offers flowers and bows before the two figures at left which are the father and mother. The dove, a symbol of love, rests behind the parents. At top right is ה *heh*, which is 5.



The sixth commandment prohibits murder. The Talmud says that murdering one person is like murdering a world, so Gross chose to represent murder with the mushroom cloud of an atom bomb, the greatest and most indiscriminate killing machine humanity has devised. At the center right is ו *vov*, which is 6.

The seventh commandment prohibits adultery. The two birds shown are mated to others. As a potentially adulterous couple they are both attracted to each other (their heads and necks form a heart shape) but also held apart by their feelings for their mates. Wings, representing angels and resistance to temptation, separate their heads. At the far top right is ז *zayin*, which is 7.



The eighth commandment prohibits theft. The hand in the center is that of a thief, while the hand grappling with it from the left is the hand of justice. The stolen coins drop from the thief's hand, showing that dishonest gains are ephemeral. At the center right is ח *khet*, which is 8.

The ninth commandment prohibits perjury. Along the bottom is a book representing Torah and truth. The flames which come from it dispel the darkness of ignorance. The Hebrew letter and book together form an oil lamp, also a symbol of truth. The powerful hand in the forefront fends off lies. At the center right is ט *tet*, which is 9.

The tenth commandment prohibits coveting. If we see something we want, we might covet it, so this commandment is represented by a hand covering a huge eye. Assisting the hand is an angel in bird form, whose wings also block the eye. The angel's eye is wide open because it cannot sin. At top right is י *yod*, which is 10.

Conclusion:
Meyerhoff's largesse allowed Gross's artistic genius to grace the walls of the JFK Airport synagogue. If you are one of the lucky few, you can even own a medal based on this artwork.

YOU'RE INVITED

We hope you can plan to attend our annual meeting in Dalton, Georgia.

Here is what we know at this point, so you can begin planning your summer vacation. Show dates for the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association are Aug. 17-19, 2012. The coin show will be held at the NW Georgia Trade & Convention Center at 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd, Dalton Georgia.

Dalton is located on I-75, 80 miles from Atlanta and 25 miles from Chattanooga. The nearest airport is in Chattanooga, and there are shuttle services available. Contact Groome Chattanooga at 423-954-1400 or 1-800-896-9928. Their website is Groomechattanooga.com.

Also providing shuttle service from Chattanooga is All Aboard Travel. Their phone is 423-499-9977 or go to www.allaboardchatt.com.

IASAC will have a free club table at the show. We are allowed to sell club items, however no other trading may take place at the table.

There will be an educational seminar at 1pm on Saturday, August 18 and our meeting will begin at 3pm.

The following is a list of hotels/motels which are located close to the convention center:

La Quinta Inn & Suites (host hotel), 715 College, phone 706-272-9099 or 1-800-642-4271
Hampton Inn, 1000 Market St., phone 706-226-4333 or 1-800-426-7866
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Country Inn & Suites, 903 Westbridge, phone 706-278-9700 or 1-800-456- 4000
Comfort Inn & Suites, 905 Westbridge, phone 706-259-2583 or 1-800-733-7663
Jameson Inn, 790 College, phone 706-281-1880 or 1-800-526-3766
Holiday Inn & Suites, 879 College, phone 706-529-6000 or 1-800-815-2621
Quality Inn, 875 College, phone 706-278-0500 or 1-800-753-6310

You might also want to check out the Dalton Convention & Visitor's Bureau website, which is very helpful. See: www.daltoncvb.com.

Membership Information

In April of 2009 a membership and e-mail address list was published and provided to each member for the use of social networking. Club members have found the information useful for introduction of new members, organizing club activities and keeping in touch after annual events or coin shows. Since 2009, we have been blessed with over one-hundred additional members and with your support we will continue to grow as an international organization.

Several of you have requested we publish a current list containing similar member contact information. We hope to continue such a tradition and provide our members with the ability to network with one another and encourage the development of friendship, awareness and trade among the community of members and silver art enthusiasts.

In doing so, we would like to request the support of our members in this endeavor. Please, take a moment after reading this edition of *The Silver Bugle* to complete and return the form located below. You may grant permission by completing the portion(s) of identifiable information you would like published in the 2012 membership list. Please be aware that as a minimum we will publish your name, member number and state of residence.

I realize many of our members have been dedicated supporters for many years and granted permission during similar ventures in the past. However, we respectfully request a response from every member since personal situations and opinions often change with time.

I appreciate you taking time out of your hectic schedules to facilitate the submission of your membership information and your help in regards to these matters.

Best Regards, Joe

IASAC

International Association of Silver Art Collectors

Club Member: _____ Member No: _____

I authorize the publishing of the following information in the 2012 Membership List

Address: _____

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IASAC Member Since No. Years: _____ ANA No: _____

The Membership List is solely intended for IASAC and active members in good standing. IASAC strictly prohibits identifiable information of club members to be shared with unaffiliated third parties or utilized for the purpose of marketing solicitation of products and services.

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Mike Sprouse, Numismatist Since 1986
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Secretary-Treasury

As most of you are aware I have been recently appointed to the position of IASAC Secretary-Treasurer. It has been a little hectic these past few months attempting to organize and reflect necessary changes of important club information.

I would like to take a moment to Thank the members who wrote letters filled with words of encouragement and appreciation. With the continued support of such great members like yourselves, it will surely be an enthusiastic year for our organization.

As this is my first full page article in the newsletter, I apologize I wasn't able to be more artistic and develop an interesting article for each of us to read and enjoy. However, as time progresses I feel I will be able to evolve and improve as your secretary-treasurer. By the way your comments or suggestions are always welcomed!

We are also currently working on updating club pamphlets, which include the club medallion history and membership contact list, which many of you have already responded to and I thank those of you who have.

I would also graciously request from members who may be interested in possibly writing your own silver related article or classified advertisement for future newsletters.

Additionally, as many of you may have noticed our club store has become pretty scarce of items that are available for purchase. If any member is interested to sell your prior club medallions to IASAC for the benefit of being sold in our club store, you could make a significant difference.

Other than those few important topics for discussion, you may also be as happy as me to see our membership roster has continued to increase and we wish to continue the good fortune and welcome new members. Keep the referrals many or think of us during your time of giving presents to your friends and loved ones, perhaps they may enjoy a year membership.

May each of you be blessed with good health and fortune!

Best Regards, Joe

TREASURY UPDATE

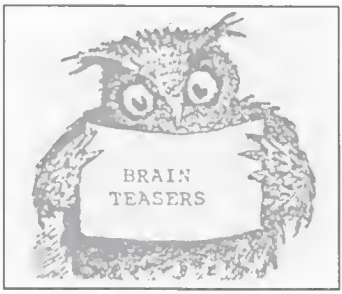
Previous Balance	$9,776.76
Income	
Membership / Renewals	$2,055.00
Donations	$110.00
	$2,165.00
Expenses	
Postage	$264.78
Club Expenses	$209.82
Publishing The Silver Bugle Feb. 2012 (Vol.28)	$784.71
	$1,259.31
New Balance	**$10,682.45**

I would like to thank all of those who made generous donations including Michelle Burke, Carl Roggero, John Harrington III, Adam Dyndul, Larry Cannon, Cecil Jackson, Herbert Hulsizer, Douglas Jennings, Marion Kendrick and John Olival.

A great number of members responded to the recent renewal request forms, your prompt reaction and devotion is appreciated and has certainly proven itself vital to the operation and success of this organization.

Welcome - New Members

878	Andy Nagler	(Guide Book)	New Jersey
879	Micky Heckard	(Steffen)	Ohio
880	William J. Phillips	(Potter)	Michigan
881	Tobin Lee Britt	(Sprouse)	Iowa
882	Connie A. Surges	(Mohon)	California



BRAIN TEASERS

Winners will be selected from correct answers received on or before May 5, 2012

Mail to:
P.O. Box 28415 Seattle WA 98118-8415

Name:_____

Congratulations to Bill Doty, Glenn Perry and Simcha Kuritzky for their winning entries in the last puzzle, and thanks to everyone else who played along. They include Mark Abitz, Lynnae Clark, John Daino, Carlton Dodge and Peggy Conrad.

Please find the following places & items in & around San Francisco, inspired by our recent trip for Chinese New Year. Good Luck!

San Francisco, Berkeley, Chez Panisse, Treasure Island, Chinatown, Dim Sum, Market Street, Embarcadero, Ferry Building, Bay Bridge, Golden Gate Bridge, North Beach, City Lights, Alcatraz, Fisherman's Wharf, Ghiradelli, Trolley, Streetcar, Giants, De Young Museum, Union Square, Sausalito.

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Notes From Nancy's Mailbag...

We receive friendly greetings and questions from members and others. Here is a sampling of that correspondence.

Peggy Conrad emailed to say, "What a surprise to receive the beautiful Las Vegas bronze round as a Brain Teaser contest winner. I enjoyed completing the word search and look forward to the next one. Thank you, Randy Guberman, for your part in providing these gifts for the club."

Glenn Perry emailed with this comment and request for information: "On page 131 of the January Coin World is a picture of a Morgan bar with a checkerboard back. I called the Gaithersburg Coin Exchange, Inc. asking who made the bars for them. I explained who I was and the reason I wanted to know. Told them about IASAC and they said they did not give out that information. I hope someone can come up with the minter."

Can anyone help with this??

Glenn Perry sent another note through the mail. He writes, "Had to go to Wichita this past week, so stopped at my coin shop there and asked about silver bars. They had a few. I ended up buying 7 at $36 each. Did not have my books with me, so got three I already had. One was a Deak- Perera which I could not find in the books."

Glenn did some sleuthing online and came up with this interesting story about DP.

Whatever happened to Deak-Perera? Good question. After the founder Nicholas Deak was murdered, the company was broken up. The circumstances surround Deak's murder are strange, to say the least.

On November 18, 1985, a homeless woman from Seattle walked into the Manhattan headquarters of Deak-Perera, which had been the largest foreign exchange company in the Western Hemisphere, and one of the largest precious metals brokers. She shot and killed the company's founder, 80-year-old Nicholas Deak. The murderer was a 44-year-old woman who had a history of trouble with the police in Seattle.

Just as Deak's firm was destroyed by the Reagan Administration's allegations of money laundering, this homeless woman decided to travel thousands of miles. Through Illinois, down to Orlando where she bought a .38, then up to Manhattan, and into Deak-Perera headquarters on 29 Broadway. She took the elevator up to the 15th floor, killed the receptionist, and then killed Deak.

Under most circumstances this might be just another 'random' murder, except Deak wasn't just any rich banker. Deak had long been involved in the intelligence community. Put Deak's foreign exchange network and precious metals brokerage business into the mix, and one wonders if Deak-the nexus between intelligence and money laundering-was killed randomly.

From http://www.bonanza.com/listings/Deak-Perera-Silver-Bullion-Ingot-Bar

Michael Turrini sends notice of the Fortieth Annual 'Double Score' Vallejo Coin Show, to be held May 6 at the Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane in East Vallejo, California. The show will be a full-day event with a bourse, drawings, hobby information, collector meetings, commemorative wooden dollars and displays, offering something for the public, novice and advanced hobbyist. For more information, write to P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo CA 94590-0428 or direct emails to perfectpair2900@netzero.net or EMPERORI@juno.com.

If you have a coin show to promote, please let us know. We can send Bugles if we have enough notice.

Bill Haffner writes, "Well, here it is the end of February. Spring is just around the corner. This has been one of the mildest winters that I've ever seen for this area. I think the coldest night this year was 11 degrees. Very unusual. I am not complaining at all. I saw yesterday that one of the maple trees in my yard had buds on it. And again I saw two robins in the yard.

I got my Anheuser Busch bar from Jan Henke that says 'Fairfield' on the reverse instead of St. Louis. I wonder if there are more bars out there like those from different cities? Do you know of any more of them? I know I will be checking the reverse of any other I run across."

Does anyone have a Reach for Excellence bar with another city listed???

Here's another request for information, from a friend who writes," I received your organization from **Michael Sprouse** of River City Coins as reference that might able to help me on Engelhard stuff. I am looking to put together an informal reference source for avid Engelhard collectors such as myself on these early style poured silver bars. I'm having a difficult time finding any information on production quantity and bar types. Can you help me or point me in the right direction?

If you can help out, please reply to Chris Mendola, 125 West First Street, O'Fallon IL 62269-2051.

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WHAT DIAMOND?

by Bill Haffner

This happened to me about eight or nine years ago when I was still pretty green at buying silver art bars. Well, spot silver back then was less than $10 an ounce. My girlfriend and I stopped in this little coin shop in Cape Girardeau, Missouri (not Mike Sprouse's), to see if he had any art bars that I could use.

He had a silver bar in a gift box in his showcase that had a picture of a swan on it. I checked it against my Fifth Edition Guidebook to find it to be an MEM-39 that I didn't have. He had a price of $40 on it. I showed him my guidebook that listed it for $30. He agreed to sell it to me for $30. I thought it was still a little costly, but bought it anyway.

After we got back in the car, my girlfriend said, "I wonder if that's a real diamond?"

I replied, "What diamond?"

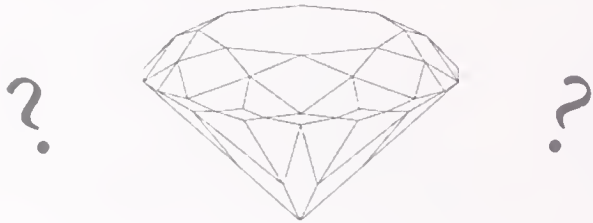
I pulled it out of my pocket to look at it closer. Sure enough, it had a diamond on it. I grabbed by guidebook, and found it to be a MEM-39D, listed for $70.

She said, "You just screwed that old man."

I replied, "I guess I did," and we drove off.

Later on, I told my story to Mike Sprouse, and he got a big kick out of it. He told not to worry about it – that the man probably paid spot for it, and didn't lose any money on it.

So, the moral of this story is "Women are better at spotting diamonds than men" and "sometimes it pays to be stupid."



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